ONE TIME SCANS BECAUSE WE KEPT SAYING I MORE TIME

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TOOK A BIT LONGER THAN WE EXPECTED BUT HERE YOU HAVE IT CHAPTER 2!

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STRATEGISTS?

第2話 The ones they called Strategist above the tower.

THOSE CHILDREN ARE STRATEGISTS?
HOW MANY ARE THERE?
IN THIS DRILL, ARE THE STRATEGISTS ALSO PARTICIPATING?
CALM DOWN! DIDN'T I TELL YOU TO STAY QUIET!
you really don't listen!
OF COURSE, AFTER ALL IT'S PRACTICE
PLEASE DON'T ASK FURTHER QUESTIONS...
THIS IS ALSO PRACTICE FOR STRATEGISTS
GOOD GRIEF IT'LL BE BAD IF THEY FIND OUT THAT I SHOWED YOU THIS FAR

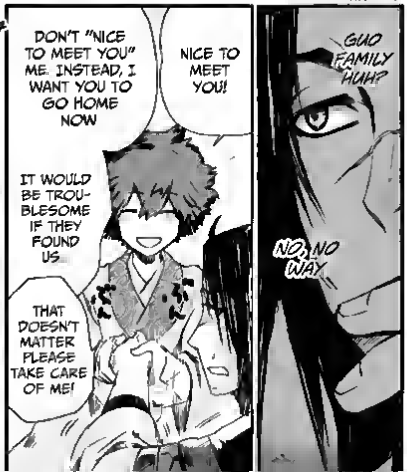
***軍師 (KISHUU)

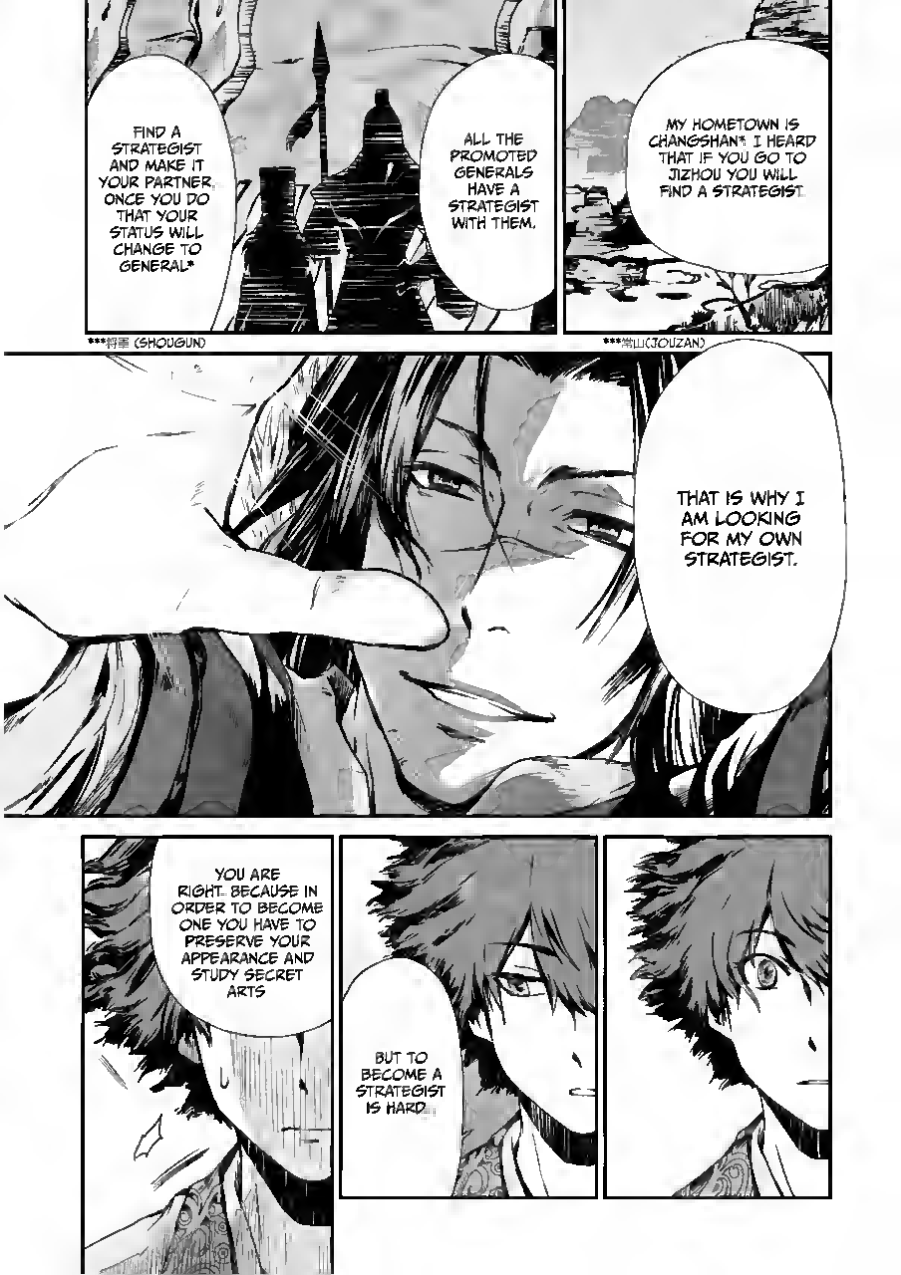
I WONDER IF THAT WAS TRUE!
XUN YOU ONCE TOLD ME THAT IN JIZHOU* STRATEGISTS ALSO PARTICIPATE IN BATTLES BUT...

IT'S BECAUSE THEY ARE [STRATEGISTS] THAT THEY HAVE TO ABANDON THEIR ADULTHOOD.
WHAT'S WRONG? IS IT YOUR FIRST TIME SEEING A STRATEGIST?
EH?
AAHH
THE STRATEGISTS' APPEARANCE IS LIKE A CHILD. I WONDER IF THEIR AGE IS TOO
AH, YOU MEAN MY NAME?
ERM NO I MEAN..
HEY YOU..

YOU CAN CALL ME GUO JIA
MY COURTESY NAME IS FENG XIAO.
I AM RAN*
YOU CAN CALL ME RAN.
NOT A SURNAME OR A COURTESY NAME
***RAN

HAHA
WELL ME TOO, I WAS SHOCKED WHEN I FIRST SAW IT.
RAN, YOU DO KNOW A LOT
ANYWAY THERE IS NO TURNING BACK NOW
Also you gave me food!
GOT INTERESTED IN IT AND SO ON.


DON'T "NICE TO MEET YOU" ME. INSTEAD, I WANT YOU TO GO HOME NOW
NICE TO MEET YOU!
IT WOULD BE TROUBLESOME IF THEY FOUND US.
THAT DOESN'T MATTER PLEASE TAKE CARE OF ME!
GUO FAMILY HUH?
NO, NO WAY.


FIND A STRATEGIST AND MAKE IT YOUR PARTNER. ONCE YOU DO THAT YOUR STATUS WILL CHANGE TO GENERAL*
ALL THE PROMOTED GENERALS HAVE A STRATEGIST WITH THEM.
MY HOMETOWN IS CHANGSHAN*. I HEARD THAT IF YOU GO TO JIZHOU YOU WILL FIND A STRATEGIST.
***将軍 (SHOUGUN)
***常山(JOUZAN)
THAT IS WHY I AM LOOKING FOR MY OWN STRATEGIST.
YOU ARE RIGHT. BECAUSE IN ORDER TO BECOME ONE YOU HAVE TO PRESERVE YOUR APPEARANCE AND STUDY SECRET ARTS
BUT TO BECOME A STRATEGIST IS HARD.

AH, ABOUT THE SECRET ARTS? I DON'T KNOW ANY DETAILS.
O... OF COURSE YOU DON'T KNOW.
THERE IS NO WAY
THAT AN ORDINARY PERSON WOULD KNOW.

Is your final decision to become a strategist?

Even if you have to strip your adulthood that only comes once a lifetime?—

Even if the success rate for acquiring the secret arts is uncertain?

YES
IN ORDER TO PURSUE MY AMBITION TO BECOME ROYALTY. I WILL DO WHAT IT TAKES TO ACQUIRE THE ABILITY THAT ONLY FEW ARE CHOSEN BY I WANT TO BECOME A STRATEGIST WHO BECOMES THE STRENGTH OF THE MONARCHY!
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BECAUSE AREN'T THEY AWESOME?
YOU THINK SO? WELL FOR ME IT DOESN'T MATTER.
TO STAY IN A CHILD'S APPEARANCE IS UNCANNY, RIGHT?
BU...
BUT...
THOUGH, IF YOU THINK ABOUT ABOUT HOW ENUNCHS LOSE THEIR PENISES...
FOR MY PART, I WANT TO BECOME ONE TOO, IF IT'S POSSIBLE.
THEY MANAGE STRATEGIES AND ABOVE THAT THEY ALSO HAVE SPECIAL ABILITIES.
DID YOU ALSO SEE THEIR ABILITIES?!
HMM. BUT IF YOU CONSIDER THE PRICE YOU PAY FOR THE ABILITIES~ ONE MIGHT HESITATE~
Uhm

YOU CANNOT FORGET ONCE YOU SEE IT.
I DID ON THE BATTLE-FIELD
YOU CAN SAY
WELL

WITH MY OWN VERY EYES.
I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE THE STRATEGIST'S ABILITIES
TODAY, YOU MIGHT SEE SOMEONE'S PRACTICE THOUGH I DON'T KNOW WHOSE

WHAT A MAGNIFICENT VIEW.
AS EXPECTED THEY MASS PRODUCED THE ARCHERY TOWERS IN ORDER TO CAPTURE YIJING*

*易京(EKIKYOU)

XIN PING, HAVE YOU FORGOT THE BASICS OF SIEGE?
WE HAVE TO FLATTEN THE SOLDIERS AGAINST THE CASTLE WALL LIKE MOTHS. AFTER THAT WE'LL THINK ABOUT THE NEXT PLAN
AND WHY ARE XU YOU AND XUN CHEN HERE!
NEXT PLAN, HUH...
ME?
I AM CERTAINLY FROM THE DEFENSIVE PARTY BUT...
EVEN IF I GO THERE THERE IS NOTHING I NEED TO DO?
THAT IS WHY I... ERM...
I AM HERE TO SPY.

AREN'T YOU A-SHAMED? JUST GET THOSE FEET MOVING AND LEAVE!
I DESPISE YOU.
SHEN PEI, YOU REALLY LOOK LIKE A WORRIED OLD MAN!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY
AREN'T MY FEET BEAUTIFUL?
XUN CHEN, ARE YOU OKAY WITH THIS? YOUR GENERAL WILL SCOLD YOU.
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BU.. BUT
I WAS HERE FOR MY TEA UTENSILS WHEN THE DRILL STARTED; THAT IS WHY I AM STILL HERE
If I cry now I might bother everyone.
IT CAN'T BE HELPED
DON'T TAKE THIS DRILL TOO LIGHTLY
UHM. UHM...
EVERYONE
THIS PRACTICE IS FOR OPPOSING MARQUIS GONGSUN ZAN".
WE MUST PRODUCE SOME GOOD RESULTS FOR OUR LORD.
***公孫瓚(KOUSONSAN)

TIEN FENG, THE NEXT PLAN...
WIND DON'T COME THIS WAY.
NO
JU SHUO

WE HAVE ALREADY DECIDED WHAT THE NEXT PLAN WILL BE AND IN ORDER TO PROCEED AS PLANNED I HAVE TO GO DOWN THERE IF YOU WILL ALLOW ME, MY LORD.
I ALLOW YOU.
PLEASE WAIT STRATEGIST-DONO.

I, WEN CHOU*, WILL ACCOMPANY YOU.
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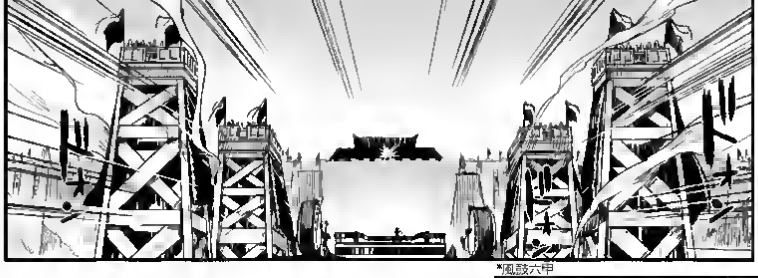
I DON'T NEED YOUR AS-SISTANCE.
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
WHAT IF YOU GET HIT BY ARROWS? THAT WOULD BE THE WORST.
IT'S THE GENERAL'S DUTY TO PROTECT THE STRATEGIST BY ANY MEANS NO ONE CAN STOP ME FROM ACCOMPANYING YOU EVEN IF THEY DECAPITATE ME.
I AM COUNT-ING ON YOU
I AM GLAD YOU UNDER-STAND.

THE STRATEGIST WILL NOW ENGAGE IN BATTLE HE WILL NOW ENTER THE ALTAR TO PERFORM HIS PRAYER
HAA
BE WATCHFUL AND PROTECT HIM AT ALL COSTS!
HEY, HAVE YOU SEEN RAN?
I TRIED TO SEARCH FOR HIM BUT HE IS NOWHERE TO FOUND DON'T TELL ME HE AGAIN ..

OPEN THE GATES!!
RAN, WHAT'S HAPPENING?
HMM?
THIS IS BAD...
Did they find out that I'm gone
THAT IS THE STRATEGIST'S FLAG
I DIDN'T EXPECT HIM TO DESCEND THIS FAST

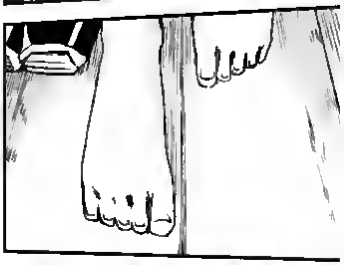
YOU MIGHT SEE WHAT YOU LONGED FOR
ARCHERY TOWER SQUAD! DEFENDING TROOPS TAKE YOUR POSITIONS!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY DESCEND?
TOGETHER WITH THE GENERAL HE'LL COMMAND THE ARMY
AND THIS IS ALSO THE TIME WHEN THE STRATEGIST SHOWS HIS "ABILITY" ON THE BATTLEFIELD
THAT WHITE EMBLEM ON A BLACK FLAG BELONGS TO THE STRATEGIST JU SHUO
THE ONE WHO HAS SUPREME AUTHORITY IN THE ARMY AND WHO HAS THE POSITION OF "KANGUN"S. ALSO YUAN SHAO'S PRIME STRATEGIST

MES-SENGER!
MES-SENGER!
THE SIEGE IS STARTING TO MOVE, AND THE DEFENDING TROOPS ARE TAKING THEIR POSITIONS!
XU YOU AND XUN CHENG HAVEN'T COME BACK YET...
FUFUHN
WELL IF IT'S ONLY DEFENDING THE CASTLE I AM MORE THAN ENOUGH.
Yuan Shao's Army Strategist
PANG JI*
***濮紀
ARCHERS
PREPARE THE CROSSBOW!!
THE TARGET WILL BE THE DEFENDING TROOPS!

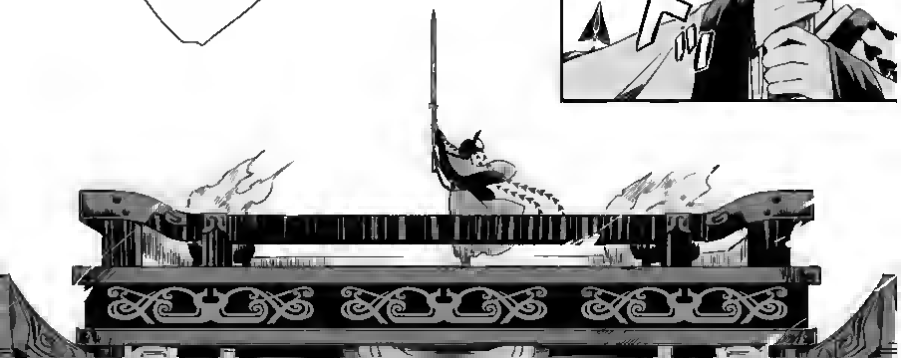


*風鼓六甲

NOW I WILL PERFORM THE SIX SHELLS OF THE WIND DRUM*

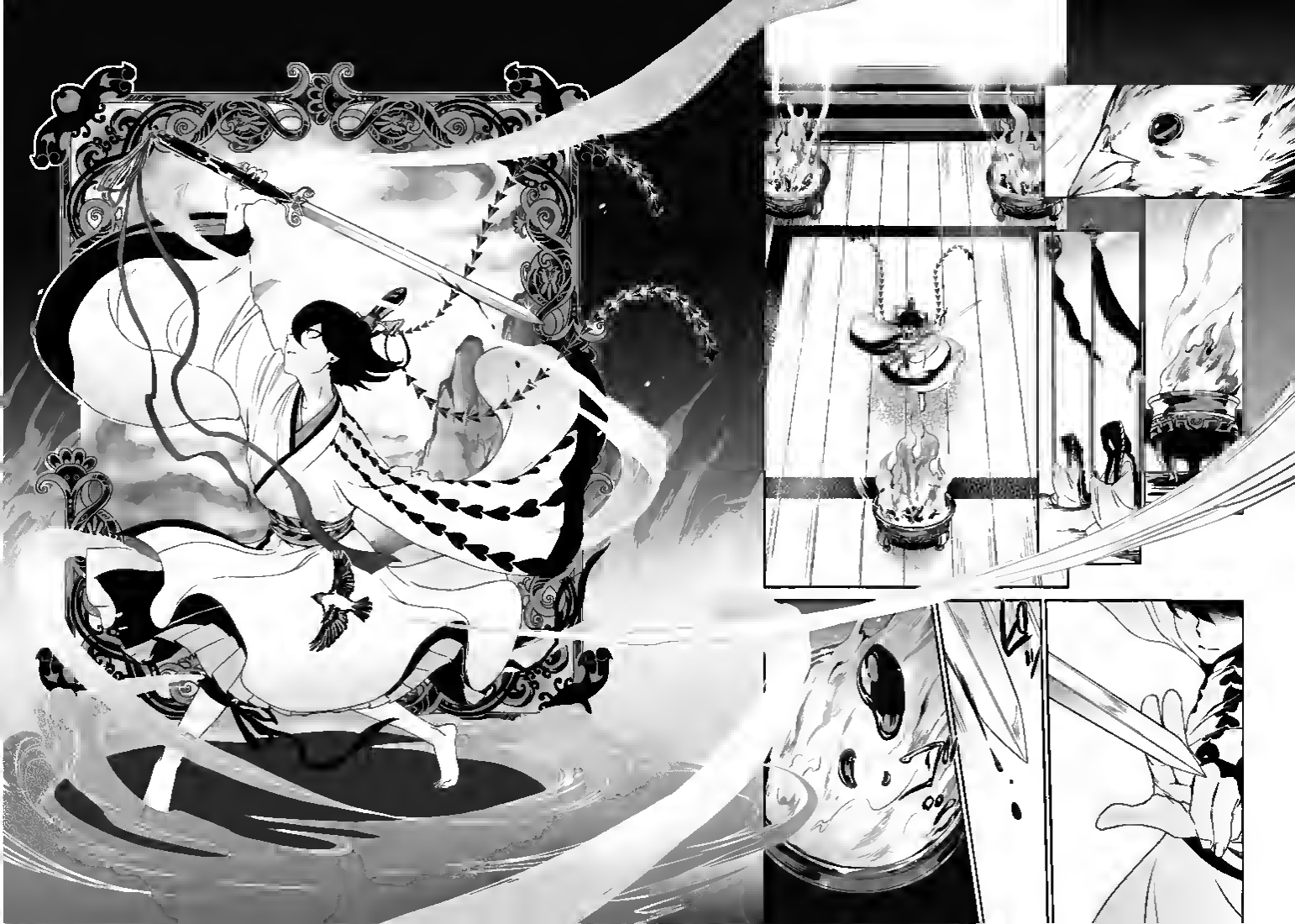


TO FORBID THE NORTHEASTERN WIND FROM BLOWING HERE IN THE BATTLEFIELD!



AH! WHAT IS THAT!
THE PODIUM IS SURROUNDED BY CLOTH
THOSE ARE 'WOODEN MANTLES' A CURTAIN MADE OF LEATHER THAT SERVES TO PROTECT THE STRATEGIST
I DIDN'T MEAN THAT! BECAUSE OF THOSE CURTAINS I CAN'T SEE ANYTHING!
SIT OR ELSE THE GUARDS WILL FIND US!
BU... BUT I WANT TO SEE CLEARLY...
ARE YOU A KID?
JUST GIVE UP ON WATCHING IT CLOSELY! JU SHUO WAS USING HIS ABILITY TO MANIPULATE THE WEATHER
YOU CAN SEE IT BY JUST LOOKING AT THE SKY

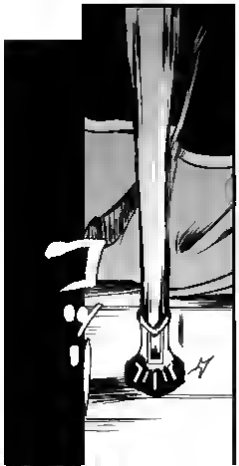
YOU ARE NO USE TO ME!
IF I GIVE UP IT'LL BE OVER.
THE STRATEGISTS' ABILITY? AREN'T THEY GOOD AT FORMING PLANS?
WRONG



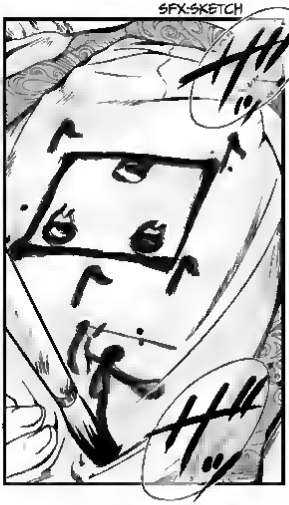
THREE THREE-LEGGED KETTLES...
BORDERS SEALED WITH FIVE FLAGS...
DANCE WITH A TWO EDGED SWORD...

I HAVE TO MEMORIZE
THE ABILITY USED BY THE STRATEGIST...

WHAT THE HECK ARE YOU DOING? YOU BROUGHT YOUR BRUSH OUT ALL OF A SUDDEN. AREN'T YOUR CLOTHES OF HIGH QUALITY? WHY DID YOU SCRIBBLE ON THEM? AND WHAT THE HECK ARE YOU WRITING!!



MEMORIZE, YOU SAY? WHAT THE HECK ARE YOU SAYING? ESPECIALLY FROM THIS PLACE WE ARE NOW YOU CAN'T SEE ANYTHING, YET YOU CAN TAKE NOTE OF IT...
WHAT'S GOING ON?!


SFX:SKETCH

YUAN SHAO-SAMA
SO HOW WAS IT?
HE WASN'T THAT USEFUL, EVEN A LITTLE.
I SEE.
MY SON
YES, DEAR FATHER.
Yuan Shao's Third Son
YUAN SHANG*
袁尚

YES
THIS WILL BE YOUR FIRST TIME SEEING THE ABILITY OF A STRATEGIST, RIGHT?
AND LEARN FROM IT.
THEN, WATCH CAREFULLY
IN REALITY, STRATEGISTS ARE AN IMPORTANT EXISTENCE.
OVER TIME, I HAVE PICKED THOSE WHO ARE CAPABLE OF BECOMING STRATEGISTS
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I AM AWARE OF THE SECRET CEREMONY THAT EXISTED IN ANCIENT TIMES THAT WAS USED TO PRODUCE REPUTED STRATEGISTS AT LUOYANG.

AS COMPENSATION FOR FORGOING ADULTHOOD IS A POWER THAT NO ONE IN THE WORLD CAN EASILY ACQUIRE YET...
THEIR MIND AND BODY ARE DELICATE AND FRAGILE, MORE THAN YOU IMAGINED.
THEY HAVE UNSTABLE HEARTS
THEY ARE IMMATURE.
THEY ARE WEAK AND PRONE TO ILLNESS.
FURTHERMORE, WHEN THEY ARE IN THE BATTLEFIELD, THEY ARE FREQUENTLY TARGETED.

FOR THAT REASON, SUITED GENERALS ARE CHOSEN TO BE THEIR PARTNER.
AND THUS STARTED THE OATH BETWEEN THE GENERALS AND STRATEGISTS TO NEVER BETRAY EACH OTHER

THE TIME THAT YOU'LL OBTAIN YOUR OWN STRATEGIST MAY COME SOON.
FOR A GENERAL TO OBTAIN HIS OWN STRATEGIST IS THE SAME AS GIVING THE FISH WATER.
THUS, IT DEPENDS ON WHAT STRATEGIST YOU OBTAIN. MANY GENERALS HAVE BEEN CORRUPTED BECAUSE OF THIS.
BUT LET ME REMIND YOU OF ONE THING.
HOW?
THE STRATEGIST'S NATURAL INTELLIGENCE IS LIKE A FIERCE DEMON GOD.
MANY HAVE BEEN DRAWN BY THEIR ABILITY TO SERVE THEIR ENDS AND NOT THEIR OWN.

DON'T LET YOURSELF BE USED BY THEM, RATHER TAKE ADVANTAGE AND USE THEM.
MAKE SURE TO WATCH YOUR BACK AND NOT BE DECEIVED BY THEIR LIES.
THERE IS ONE PERSON WHO LET HIMSELF BE USED BY THEM.
HE IS KNOWN BY THE NAME "RAN".

WHO ON EARTH ARE YOU?
I..I..

THE WIND!
CHANGED COURSE!!
TH..THIS IS BAD PANG JI-SAMA!

THE ARROWS WERE PUSHED BACK BY THE WIND!
THIS IS THE STRATEGIST'S STRENGTH!
AS EXPECTED OF JU SHUO WHO CAN MANIPULATE THE WIND AT WILL
That's why I wanted to break him first!

I...
WANT TO BE A STRATEGIST.

王者の遊戯